REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 3 FIRST QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Assumption, Lafourche, Terrebonne



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 3 during first quarter 2002 was 84,500, an increase of 2.1% from the same period in 2001, and a decrease of 0.3% from fourth quarter 2001. Employment increased in 13 of the 20 NAICS sectors during first quarter 2002.

Average quarterly employment data for first quarter 2002, fourth quarter 2001, first quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 29. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 3 with 10,555 employees, or 12.5% of total employment. Terrebonne was the leading parish with 48,432 employees, or 57.3% of total employment.

Total wages increased by 5.3% from the same period in 2001, and decreased 5.3% from fourth quarter 2001, for an average weekly wage of \$589.19. Assumption parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$603.38.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 3 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table, "Regional Labor Market Area 3" beginning on page 31.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Assumption	\$ 603.38
Lafourche	569.83
Terrebonne	599.88

The number of reporting units in RLMA 3 for first quarter 2002 was 5,169.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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